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**FOR: FLORIDA MEDIA OUTLETS**

**TO: NEWS DIRECTORS AND ASSIGNMENT EDITORS**

**EVENT: OPEN FORUMS ON CORPS REGULATORY PROGRAM**

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## **U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY DIVISION CHIEF OFFERS SERIES OF OPEN FORUMS**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – David Hobbie, chief of the Regulatory Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will travel the state of Florida to offer a series of four “Meet the Chief” forums, open to consultants and representatives of non-government organizations. The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

### **REGULATORY “MEET THE CHIEF” DATES**

<b>August 7</b>	<b>Fort Lauderdale</b>	<b>Airport Sheraton</b>
<b>August 9</b>	<b>Tampa</b>	<b>Crowne Plaza, Princess Palm Drive</b>
<b>August 14</b>	<b>Jacksonville</b>	<b>Crowne Plaza, Riverfront</b>
<b>August 16</b>	<b>Panama City</b>	<b>Florida State University Auditorium</b>

At each location, a “Meet the Chief” session will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. A session on the latest changes in national procedures will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., with media availability sessions



immediately following in each location. Hobbie and his team of technical experts will discuss the district's regulatory program, explain the explain new policies designed to assist the public in their understanding of permit applications and other processes; and will listen to comments and answer questions.

Hobbie assumed his position in February 2007. His 17-year Corps career has included assignments in Mobile, Alaska, St. Louis and Kansas City districts, and an assignment as resident engineer in Iraq. This is his second assignment in Jacksonville District. "The Corps' regulatory program is complex and ever-changing, and it is often misunderstood and misrepresented," explained Hobbie. "We take our responsibility to protect wetlands and watersheds very seriously. We diligently review permit applications and make decisions based on the public interest and on balancing protection of the aquatic environment with the needs of the public. I want to take our program directly to those who use it most frequently, so that I can personally hear and address their concerns. Ultimately, the goal is to learn from those we serve, about how we can serve them better."

For more information, visit the Jacksonville District web site at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/regulatory> or call the Corporate Communication Office at 904-232-2236.

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